

HCS HB 405 -- STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

SPONSOR: Bruns (Moore)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute allows the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol to direct members and other employees of the patrol to carry out any public safety duty or service authorized or appropriated by the General Assembly.

The substitute also specifies that the patrol is divided into troops rather than districts and removes the requirement that the superintendent reside in Jefferson City.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill updates antiquated Missouri statutes to reflect the current practices of the patrol.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Moore; State Highway Patrol; and Missouri State Troopers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.